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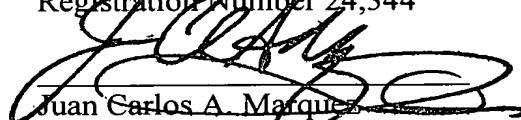
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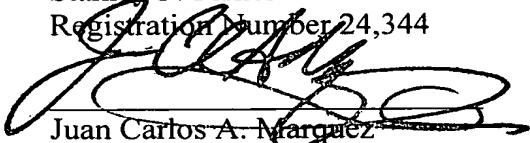
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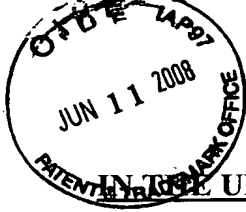
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Hereinbelow is a summary of the personal interview conducted with the Examiner in connection with the above-referenced application.

Interview Date: April 7 & 9, 2008
Interview Time: Telephonic
Attendees: Examiner Miranda LE, Jennifer Teng
Matter Discussed: Amended Claims
Exhibits shown: none

Discussion/Agreements Reached:

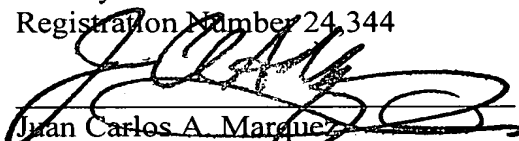
The Examiner indicated on April 7, 2008 that claim 8 will be allowable after incorporating claims 12-13 and claim 14 will be allowable after incorporating claims 15-16. Applicants called the Examiner on April 9, 2008 to enter the Examiner's suggested claim amendments and to put the case in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for her consideration in conducting the above-discussed telephone interviews with the Applicants' undersigned representative. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and telephone number indicated below.

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